

taste away ; coaches, horses, &c. are the only things which most engage the attention of children ; they are the only blessings their infant understandings are capable of comprehending ; and if it is an evil to promise these, it can only be a partial evil, which wears away as the judgment becomes better informed in more advanced years.

BUT that which seems more injurious (the representing of hobgoblins, monsters, &c.) is as soon confuted as the other, (not ill-meant) but ill-judged opinion.

THE tempers of children are as various as those of grown people : some too are not to be led by promises : they must have

have threatenings ; and those suited to their understanding, such as give tremendous ideas, and will make an impression on the mind, till they are more capable of receiving greater objects. To give serious threatenings to children, only lasts till they grow a few years older, and then they look upon all that has been told them, (however serious) only as Bugbears to frighten babies. Whereas, the more out of the way the objects of punishment are represented in youth, the better will be the relish for sublime truths, when they come to maturer years.